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among foreign students

INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP

AMONG

FUTURE LEADERS

THE FIELD

Over five thousand foreign born students from forty nations are enrolled in the colleges and universities of the United States and Canada. There is also a considerable number in preparatory and high schools, business colleges and trades schools. Many of these students have received Government scholarships; all classes of society are represented by them, but a majority come from the most influential families and will return to positions of leadership in their national life.

THE CHALLENGE

The presence of so many future leaders of the nations is a challenge to the best people of North America.

What impression shall these students receive of our "Christian" civilization?

Shall we help to sharpen their intellects but deny them our best help in developing strong Christian character?

Why not establish permanent international friendship by revealing and interpreting to these national leaders the best features of our commercial, civic and religious life?

THE AGENCY

The Committee on Friendly Relations among Foreign Students is composed of prominent business and professional men who are deeply interested in international affairs. Offices are maintained at 124 East 28th Street, New York, and secretaries are employed for general administration and also for special activity among the various national groups of students. Trustworthy correspondents have been secured in over two hundred of the student centers abroad and local committees are appointed in the colleges and universities of North America to render service to foreign students.

THE OBJECT

The chief aim of the Committee is the promotion of true friendship among students of all nationalities with a view to developing Christian character and stimulating a spirit of service and international goodwill.

THE METHOD

The Reception of New Students

Through reliable correspondents in the principal student centers of the world the

Committee on Friendly Relations is advised of the coming of foreign students to North America, and is therefore able to provide for a hearty welcome to such students upon their arrival and for assistance in reaching the college of their choice, where local committees are ready to help them in finding satisfactory living accommodations, enrolment in classes, etc.

Promoting Acquaintance with American People and Christian Homes

Scores of the best Christian homes are open annually for receptions to foreign students. Social gatherings are usually held separately for different nationalities, but several times during the year representatives of the various nations join with their fellow-students and professors in social fellowship.

Friendly Correspondence

Many hundreds of letters are written by our secretaries extending friendly greeting and giving helpful advice and words of cheer and comfort in times of sorrow and distress.

Distribution of Books and Pamphlets

Through the aid of secretaries and other

advisors, the Committee discovers the moral and spiritual needs and perplexities of foreign students; books and pamphlets which have been most helpful in fortifying students against temptation, and in developing their character are sent to hundreds of the students from abroad with a view to meeting the particular need of the individual. This service is of far-reaching significance and is deeply appreciated by foreign students.

Publishing and Circulating Bulletins and Magazines

It is the aim of the Committee to reach every foreign student with the printed page so edited as to appeal most forcibly to him. Hearty co-operation is therefore given in the preparation and circulation of the magazine of the Chinese Students' Christian Association; a bi-monthly bulletin for Japanese students is issued; "The Korean Students' Review" is published twice a year; the Christian Indian students are printing a monthly bulletin, and Armenian students issue an annual illustrated report and directory. Plans are being made for the publication, in Spanish, of a monthly magazine for the two thousand students from Latin America.

Summer Conferences

Over three hundred selected foreign students attended conferences last June, as guests of the Committee, at Northfield, Massachusetts; Lake Geneva, Wisconsin; Seabeck, Washington; Blue Ridge, North Carolina, and other points. The ten days of study, recreation and fellowship with splendid Christian North American students and professors have resulted in important decisions and the dedication of life to Christian service.

Personal Service

Frequently during the year this Committee arranges receptions or renders personal service to prominent educators, government officials and students from abroad. The co-operation of various societies and associations is enlisted in this important work. An effort is being made to secure scholarships and opportunities for self-help for foreign students in the leading colleges of North America. The Committee is alert to discover cases of special need among foreign students caused by illness, accident or discouragement, and to render prompt service to such students.

Distribution of Directory and Handbook

Names and addresses of a majority of the foreign students in America have been secured and will soon be printed and distributed in a directory. A vest-pocket handbook of information regarding North American student life is being prepared and will be presented to each foreign student.

Facilitating Investigation of Institutions for Social Betterment

Scores of foreign students are accompanied during vacations and at other times on visits to schools, churches, Christian Associations, settlements and other institutions of interest; these excursions result in the gaining of valuable information and new ideas to be applied in the solution of problems in other nations.

Organization of Study Groups

Hundreds of students from abroad are enlisting in a thorough study of the Christian religion and its application to individual and social needs; special emphasis is now being given to studies and lectures on war and peace with a view to ensuring international goodwill.

THE RESULT

By the methods mentioned above, and in many other ways, prejudice is overcome, misunderstandings are corrected and lasting friendships are formed. The sojourn of the student in a foreign land is made pleasant and profitable and a vision of a life of service is gained.

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